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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 1882

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CH, JA, US, UR, PFOR

SUBJECT: REPORTED COMMENTS OF PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TO  
MAINICHI EDITOR

1. MAINICHI GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO COMMENTS OF  
PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YU CHAN AT FEBRUARY 5 MEETING  
WITH VISITING MAINICHI MANAGING EDITOR ISAO HIRANO, IN WHICH  
YU NOTED THAT "CONCLUSION OF FRIENDSHIP TREATY BETWEEN JAPAN AND  
CHINA WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH JAPAN'S FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH  
SOVIET UNION." REMAINDER OF YU'S REMARKS WERE FAMILIAR RECAP  
OF CRITICISM OF SOVIETS, DENIGRATION OF DETENTE, PESSIMISM  
ON BORDER TALKS WITH USSR, REAFFIRMATION OF IMPORTANCE  
OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN PROGRESS OF US-PRC  
RELATIONS AND PITCH TO GJ TO DROP MIYAZAWA'S FOUR  
POINTS FOR RAPID CONCLUSION OF PFT.

2. FONOFF CHINA-WATCHERS WERE INTERESTED IN YU'S  
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STATEMENT THAT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH  
SOVIETS. APPARENTLY SIMILAR PHRASE HAD BEEN REPEATED  
TO MAINICHI VISITORS BY OTHER CHINESE OFFICIALS IN  
PEKING. FONOFF CHINA DEPDIR IKEDA BELIEVED THAT THIS  
WAS FIRST TIME THAT PARTICULAR LANGUAGE HAD BEEN  
USED BY CHINESE IN CONNECTION WITH PFT; EARLIER  
CHINESE COMMENTS HAD NOTED ONLY THAT PFT WOULD NOT

INTERFERE WITH JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH UNSPECIFIED  
THIRD COUNTRIES. ADMITTING THAT SPECULATION WAS  
STILL PREMATURE, IKEDA NEVERTHELESS SUGGESTED  
POSSIBILITY THAT YU'S DIRECT REFERENCE TO JAPAN'S  
"FRIENDLY RELATIONS" WITH SOVIETS MIGHT  
REPRESENT SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT BY CHINESE TOWARDS  
MORE ACCEPTABLE PUBLIC INTERPRETATION OF  
ANTI-HEGEMONY FOR JAPANESE. FONOFF, HE CONCLUDED,  
WOULD WAIT AND SEE.  
SHOESMITH

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